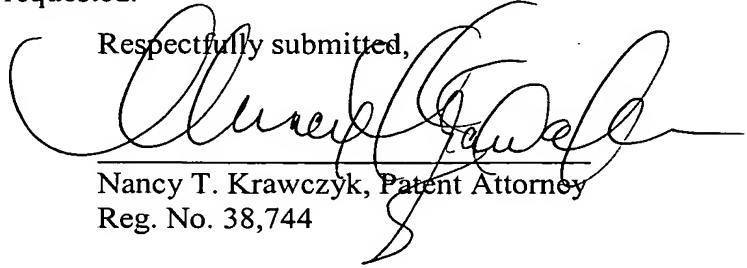


**REMARKS:**

It is believed that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable and that it is now appropriate to allow the subject patent application. Such an allowance is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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